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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR/INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIE Coordination Note

1. The NIE coordination note currently in use reads as follows:

"All members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee concurred in this estimate on 1 July 1952."

2. Mr. Victor Keay, FBI, recently indicated that in most cases the FBI would prefer neither to concur nor dissent but simply to abstain. He therefore objects to the words "all members." (The FBI position apparently is based on the designation of the FBI as member of the IAC for purposes of coordinating foreign with domestic intelligence, and related matters.)

3. Three points are relevant:

- a. Irrespective of the purpose behind the association of the FBI with the IAC, and the fact that in most cases the FBI does not participate in the preparation of the draft NIE, the FBI is a member of the IAC.
- b. As a matter of principle we should not get ourselves into a position of making fine distinctions as to the roles, responsibilities, and interests of the various members of the IAC.
- c. The coordination note must make clear that the members act individually when they concur or dissent. Majority action which would permit the use of the more general statement such as "The IAC concurred" would not comply with NSC directives calling for individual concurrences or statements of dissent.

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4. A statement which would cover concurrences, concurrences with comment, and abstentions and retain in essence individual as against group responsibility is:

"~~All members~~ of The Intelligence Advisory Committee, without dissent, concurred in this estimate on 1 July 1952."

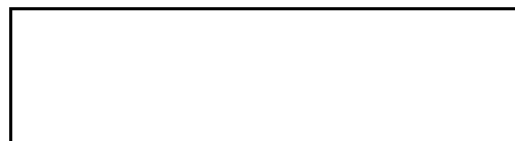
5. I proposed this revised wording to the IAC agencies and have received concurrences from State, Army, Navy, Air Force, JIG, and AEC.

6. The sole agency holding back is FBI. They wish to delete the words "without dissent" because they read into these words an implied concurrence.

7. I do not believe it essential to get FBI approval to the change before we adopt it. They may as well object to the revised wording as to the old version and the matter can then be resolved if they feel strongly enough to raise the matter officially.

8. Recommendation

That the DCI approve the wording proposed in paragraph 4. above.



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